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14 June 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

How do you pick the weather? We often comment in storm season that the storms seem to hit us right at 3 o'clock as everyone is going home. It's hardly rained all year and now in Brisbane's driest month on average, we schedule our Senior Athletics Carnival, and it looks like we will get a wet week. We will endeavour to run our carnival, unless it is really raining heavily on the Thursday morning. We may have to make some modifications, especially to high jump as slippery ground can make it a little risky. If we have to postpone our carnival, our next chance to run it will be Thursday next week (June23). I hope it doesn't come to that, but if it does, we will manage it I'm sure.

Our New Area

Anyone who has visited school over the last five weeks will know of the fantastic landscaping upgrade taking place. We actually have to come up with a name for this part of the school that's a bit better than the area between 'C' and 'D' Blocks. Some suggestions I've heard include the courtyard, the plaza or the piazza. We'll decide on one soon that really suits it. Whatever we call it, I can say that it's already a hit with our students. The fences came down today and immediately our children were putting the area to good use. At morning tea today, I counted a hundred children enjoying the all the different parts –the rocks, the handball courts and particularly the basketball hoop. It seems to be the biggest hit and I saw at least six basketballs flying through the air simultaneously. A big hit with me is that now we can walk from one side of the school to the other without any obstruction. We also now have a double sized bike cage which is timely as the old one was often full to capacity. All in all, it is a great addition to our grounds and is both really useful and attractive to look out. Money well spent I'd say.

Harmony Day

Thank you to everyone who helped Harmony Day to be such a success. It was a great lunch and the student turnout was quite amazing, as was the number of parents who came and enjoyed showcasing their cultures. We counted about 300 people in the hall which is double the number from last year. I particularly liked Mr Haigh's banner which said 'Every day is Harmony Day at Taigum State School', something that we all attempt to have occur and a very worthy goal.

Junior Athletics Carnival –Tabloids Sports

A good day last Thursday thanks to everyone's efforts, especially Mr Moore who organised all the activities and set up all the equipment. I only heard positive feedback and every child had a good time and a smile on their face. The Year 5 and 6 helpers did a great job also. It was fantastic to see so many parents coming to support their little ones. Although this carnival was about participation, we did score many of the events and if you are interested in the results, they are in the table below.

Events	Bribie	Moreton	Stradbroke
Prep-Year 2	638	631	607
Year 3	630	640	648
Total	1268	1271	1255

A very close competition it was! These scores will be added to the points for the Senior Carnival and the winning house will be presented with the shield on Friday's assembly, weather permitting of course.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Gabin** for a great job on his science wind ornament
Prep CD - **Megan** for responsible behaviour in the classroom and the playground
Prep H - **Lousha** for working well in her group to produce their retell on “The Three Little Pigs”
Year 1L – **Sophia** for beginning to use punctuation in her writing correctly
Year 1N – **Millie** for making 3D shapes at home to share with the class
Year 2C – **Grace** for working hard during class and making positive behaviour choices
Year 2H – **Charlotte** for amazing listening in class
Year 2J – **Maria** for fantastic manners and a great start at Taigum State School
Year 3B – **Poe Ku** for improved concentration and persistence with her work
Year 3M - **Gianni** for an excellent model of the Earth, Sun and the moon
Year 4G – **Rhiana** for having a positive attitude during every task, every day
Year 4SH - **Azariah** for always displaying a positive attitude and achieving fine results
Year 4TK – **Blaize** for great work with his writing. He was able to complete his work in the time frame given.
Year 5P - **Tnarlii** for being a helpful member in the classroom and for always trying her best
Year 5WI – **Emily** for always listening attentively and for working well in English
Year 6C - **Maya** for her progress in English and especially her sentence construction
Year 6N – **Jasmine** for always being a conscientious student who always works well and gives it her all
LOTE - **Lipikha** for outstanding results in German. Ausgezeichnet!
EALD - **Poe Ku** for improved understanding of English in her writing, listening and speaking skills

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 10th June 2016

- 1L - Chelsea
- 1N - Mason
- 2C - Azariah
- 2H - Mason
- 2J - Caelouve
- 3B - James
- 3M - Zion
- 4G - Sophie
- 4SH - Azariah
- 4TK - Cameron
- 5P - Talia
- 5WI - Teneisha
- 6C - Olivia
- 6N - Jericho

FROM THE OFFICE

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL



If your child is absent from school due to ill health or other reasons, please phone the Absence Line on 3632 9866, or alternatively, send an email to admin@taigumss.eq.edu.au or a note to your child's class teacher.

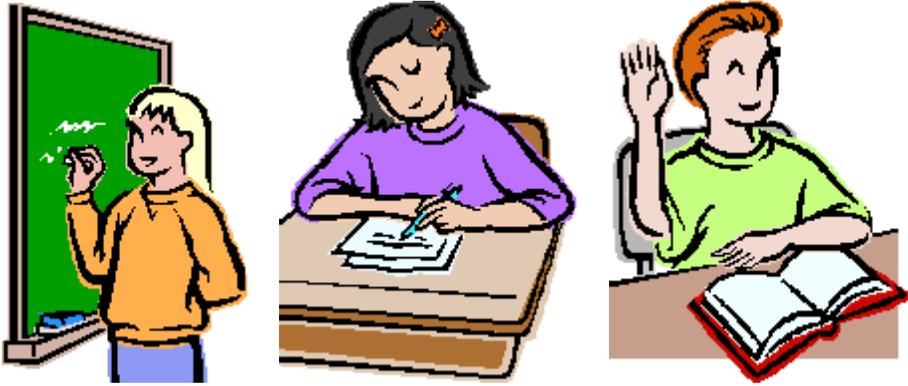
For auditing purposes all student absences must be explained.

PERSONAL DETAILS UPDATE

If you have recently changed your address, contact phone number or emergency contacts, please complete a form at the office to update your details.

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION OFFICERS

Every Day Counts



School absenteeism can impact significantly on students' learning and wellbeing. Research shows that higher student attendance is associated with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

Schools monitor attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers any unexplained absences.

If your child does not want to go to school, or is missing too much school, please contact the school for assistance and support.

*Children do better when they go to school all day, every day
They learn better
They make friends
They are happier
They have a brighter future*

Together let's make Every Day Count

Kind regards,
Bambi and Karen
School Participation Officers

FROM THE P&C

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

Monday to Thursday mornings: 8.15am to 8:45am

The uniform shop accepts cash or EFTPOS.

SPORTS SHIRT RECALL

Faulty hem: We have been advised that a few sports shirts have a faulty hem where the stitching is coming undone causing the hem to fall down.

If your child's shirt is affected please return their sports shirt to the uniform shop or administration office no later than Thursday 23rd June.

The supplier will carry out repairs during the school holidays and return all shirts in the first week of Term 3.

SCHOOL BANKING



Wednesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a Dollarmite token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

2016's theme for School Banking is Outback Savers.

The rewards for 2016 with their release dates are:

Term 1: ***Flying Snake Tail and Wildlife Writer Set***

Term 2: ***Mud Splat Handball and Outback Pat Bag Tag***

Term 3: ***Backtrack Eraser Pen and Jump and Skip Rope***

Term 4: ***Bush Fly Fan and Wiggly Glow Worm***

Keep saving to win a Wildlife Adventure Holiday

This year School Banking is running a wild Grand Prize competition. We're giving you the chance to win a family trip to Australia Zoo, where you'll get to meet Bindi and Robert Irwin, plus:

- Enjoy a full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour, where you'll get to pat wombats, cuddle koalas and feed wallabies, all while your personal photographer captures every amazing moment.
- Domestic return economy airfares to Sunshine Coast Qld, 4 nights accommodation, 5 days car hire and \$1000 spending money.

Simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 and you'll automatically receive an entry into the competition for a chance to win.

Find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Term 3 Competition

We are very excited to be able to share the details of our Term 3 competition with you!

Theme: Prize Lights!

This year's competition ties in with our Outback Savers theme. The Dollarmites have discovered Prize Lights in the Outback sky!

Competition period 9:00am AEST on 11/07/2016 to 11:59pm AEST on 30/09/2016. The winners' draw will take place at 12:00pm AEDST on 12/10/2016.

Competition Entry & prizes

A promotional graphic for the Term 3 competition. It features a blue background with a starry sky. The text reads: "A sky full of prizes to be won." Below this, it says: "The Dollarmites have discovered Prize Lights in the Outback sky and they want to share these spectacular prizes with School Bankers." There are three main prize categories highlighted: "50 Camping Kits", "50 PlayStation 4 Packs", and "90 Instant Cameras". There is also a mention of "200 Magazine Packs". At the bottom, it says: "To complete your Stargazing online activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights"

Students who make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 will have a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes including 50 camping kits, 90 instant cameras and 200 magazine packs.

Excitingly, this year we have a second prize pool available. Students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making their three deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of 50 Supernova prizes – PlayStation 4 packs.

A Competition page will be set up on the Commbank website and will be live at the start of the competition period. It will outline all competition details including the Stargazing online activity.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Hi. There are a couple of things I'd like to let you know about.

1. This Saturday, between 11am and 1pm, The Salvation Army at Taigum is running a free family BBQ in Mungo Scott Park, Zillmere (on Handford Rd between Taigum SS and Zillmere train station). There will be heaps of sport and activities happening for the kids. Everyone is welcome to come!

2. KRASH stands for Kids Really Are Special Here and is a school holiday program that the Salvation Army at Taigum is running over 3 days in the first week of the school holidays (June 28-30). 8:30am - 3pm on each of those days. The cost is only \$5 per day (It's bring your own lunch). There will be games, craft, bible stories, sports, playground and lots of fun! It's for kids in Prep - Grade 6. Go to the church office and ask for a registration form. There will be a limit on how many children we can take, so register early. www.salvos.org.au/nbc/krash

Have a good one!
Steve Unicomb

FROM THE LIBRARY



"She'd always been a little excitable, a little more passionate about books than your average person, but she was supposed to be. She was a librarian after all." *Sarah Beth Durst*

DATES TO REMEMBER

 JUNE 2016	
14th	Youngstorm Program (Years 3 – 6)
14th	P&C Meeting 6:30pm (Staffroom)
15th	School Banking
15th	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
16th	Senior Athletics Carnival
17th	Interschool Sport – Round 5
21st	Youngstorm Program (Years 3-6)
24th	Last Day of Term 2

COMMUNITY NOTICES

JABIRU KIDS – VACATION CARE



Science, circus, sport and more at Jabiru for the June July holidays

Jabiru Kids has planned a great program of activities for the June/July holidays. We'll make art and music and create weird whirring widgets as well as play great games and do science and cooking activities.

Learn cartooning skills as visitors from Toonworld help us design superheroes, and get hands on at our Sciencentre excursion.

Jabiru Kids Taigum opens from 6.30am to 6pm over the holidays. We even serve breakfast!

The full program is available from Jabiru Taigum or online at www.jabiru.org.au

Jabiru vacation care is cheaper than you think, especially for people entitled to Child Care Benefit: call Jabiru's admin team for a quote on 3269 0044.

KURBINGUI HOMEWORK HELP



The aim of Kurbingui Homework Help group is to provide tutoring, mentoring and homework help for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth in the Zillmere and surrounds local area, it is also intended to develop confidence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people and help them socially and academically participate in school in a more meaningful way.

If you require further information please contact Sio Kite on 3156 4808 or email: bridges@kurbingui.org.au

HOMEWORK HELP



Zillmere Library ~ Homework Help

We would just like to remind everyone about our Homework Help program. Any students needing help with reading, writing, assignments or school work are welcome to join us in the library for this free service for primary and high school students throughout the school term.

Homework Help is available every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 -4:45pm at Zillmere Library. If any staff or parents need any more information please call us on 07 3403 1455.

SMITH FAMILY – SAVER PLUS PROGRAM

Is your child at school or starting next year?

Would you like \$500 to help pay for uniforms, books, excursions or a laptop?

To be eligible you need to:

- have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school now or starting next year
- have some form of household income, for example – your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment
- Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar up to \$500.

Saver Plus is looking for new participants so enquire about signing up today!

To find out more, phone or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355, or email saverplus@bsl.org.au

TAIGUM TINY TIGERS PLAYGROUP



What We Do:

At Taigum Tiny Tigers Playgroup we cater for children from birth to 5yrs old, and offer a safe and fun environment for little ones and their parents / carers to come and spend a couple hours each week. We organise a range of fun activities for the children that include: Story Time, Arts & Crafts as well as Imaginative Play!

Coffee and tea is provided for the adults and we encourage everyone to bring something to share for Morning Tea.

When and Where:

Taigum Tiny Tigers meets on Fridays from 9:30am – 11am

We are located at Taigum State School (Room 9 – next to the Tuckshop)

266 Handford Road, Taigum 4018

For any further information please contact Bambi Silvertand on: 3632 9888.

We Look Forward To Seeing You There!

CONFIDENT KIDS AND TEENS

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Resilience Skills for a Happy Life!

Book now for our June School Holiday Program!

Confident Kids ® + teens is an innovative coaching program for kids 5-14yrs that aims to boost confidence, emotional resilience, social skills and brain power. Students discover their strengths, and build resilient thinking skills to reduce stress, anxiety, worry, or negative thinking.

Essential tools to navigate the teen years!

Our team of experienced Psychologists will coach, encourage and support your child to be all they can be! Medicare and Private health fund rebates apply.

Register and Book online today at confidentkidsandteens.com.au Or contact us at

info@positivefamilies.com.au for more details.

SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL



2017 Enrolments

Sandgate District State High School would like to invite families who are yet to enrol their child in Year 7 in 2017, to contact the Enrolment officer on 3869 9888 to arrange an interview time as places are filling fast.

AUSTRALIAN GOJU KAI KARATE

Have you ever thought about Authentic Japanese Goju Ryu Karate classes? Such classes can enhance calmness, focus and fitness. They provide positive life skills and assist with the goal setting for everything students do. They lay the foundations of self-discipline, providing a positive outlook for home and school.

It has been shown that students who practice Karate apply themselves more conscientiously at school and home and are less likely to be bullied or become bullies, as they develop greater self-confidence and respect for others. They will learn the importance of learning from their mistakes, why good nutrition is important, responsible, legal and safe behaviour, the ability to avoid negative peer pressure and self defence while reinforcing the virtues of hard work, concentration, planning, self-discipline and family values.

Accomplishments in Karate are often seen in a positive light by prospective employers who rightly attach images of strength, trust and good character to those who study it.

Australian Goju Kai Karate, the premier Karate school, offers martial arts classes at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Families can train together in any of the classes.

The adult martial art classes are aimed at increasing confidence, flexibility, co-ordination, people skills, self defence, strength, stamina and improved general fitness. Training at AGKK is a life changing decision. Classes are energetic, positive, fun and versatile.

You are welcome to inquire about beginning or enhancing your Karate journey either by contacting: Bernie Sensei on 0409 474 494 or visiting www.agkk.com.au



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- Learn Self Defence
- Gain Self Discipline
- Build Confidence
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NUDGEE JUNIOR GOLF – FREE TRIAL



Junior Golf

Join Nudgee Futures Junior Golf Program and develop life skills, athletic ability, and most importantly a love for the game of golf.

Free come-and-try day, 11am Saturday 25th June.
Bookings essential, send us a message through our Facebook page.

 |  Nudgee Futures Junior Golf Program | 

FUTSAL – FREE COME AND TRY



FREE COME AND TRY
FRIDAY 10th & 17th of JUNE



Location – Denham street, Bracken
Ridge
6pm Juniors
7.30 Men & Women

VILLAGE MARKETS SANDGATE

Every 3rd Saturday of the month ~ From 2pm

Grab a picnic blanket and discover Sandgate's premium monthly markets by the sea. Enjoy the gentle breezes, local arts and crafts, unique stalls, buskers and kids activities by the delightful Einbunpin Lagoon in the heart of Sandgate village.

- Food Trucks
- Kids Games
- Entertainment
- Gourmet Stalls
- Music
- Artisan Stalls

Like to book a stall? Visit www.snadgatevillage.org or phone 3036 5210



Next markets 18th June – Free Movie Night “Frozen” screening at 5:15pm

TRADE FAIR/MARKETS – BRACKEN RIDGE STATE SCHOOL



Saturday 18th June 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Please come along to show your support to the Bracken Ridge Community, local Businesses, Community Groups and Clubs who are attending our **Trade Fair** to showcase their products and services. Some families of Bracken Ridge State School have also booked stalls for this event. This is being held at Bracken Ridge State School Hall on Saturday 18 June from 2.00 – 6.00 p.m.

Afternoon Tea will be available for everyone to enjoy as well as a Coffee Van, Scouts, Swimming Stall, Candles, Jewellery, Gifts, Brick Building, Fitness and Martial Arts to name a few. Many more unique stalls will be available on the day. This is a family event and an activity session will be held outside for children. A raffle will also be held on the day with some fantastic prizes.

This is shaping up to be a wonderful event. Hope to see you all there!